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- 1. ON BEHALF OF ALL MY EMBASSY COLLEAGUES HERE, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE SY STAFF BOTH OUR GRATITUDE AND OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE PROTECTION JOB THAT WAS DONE IN CONNECTION WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEIVT'S VISIT.
- 2. IF MR. ECEVIT HAD BEEN KILLED OR HURT DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S., WE WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE HAD A PERSONAL TRAGEDY ON OUR HANDS BUT IT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN A MAJOR BLOW TO THE ALREADY VERY FRAGILE STATE OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS.
- 3. THE EFFECTIVE WORK OF THE SY STAFF HAS NOT ONLY AVOIDED THIS, BUT HAS ALSO WARNED WIDESPREAD KUDOS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE QUARTERS HERE. IN THE WAKE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO, TURKS HAVE FOR SOME TIME NOW BEEN RELUCTANT TO SAY ANYTHING PUBLICLY THAT IS COMPLIMENTARY TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, THE ACTION OF YOUR STAFF, PARTICULARLY IN NEW YORK, HAS PRODUCED A WELCOME EXCEPTION, AND THERE HAS BEEN A GENERAL OUTPOURING HERE OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SECURITY TEAM.
- 4. I WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS ON OUR MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED. WARMEST REGARDS.

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